

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

NEAL B., ¹)	
)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:21-cv-00299
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE SILVAIN
KILOLO KIJAKAZI,)	
ACTING COMMISSIONER OF)	
SOCIAL SECURITY, ¹)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

This cause coming before the Court on the joint motion of the parties, due notice having been given, and the Court being fully advised,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Parties' Joint Motion for an Award of Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act is accepted and the Commissioner shall pay Plaintiff's attorney fees in the amount of \$1,108.00, and no costs, for a total award of \$1,108.00;
2. Counsel for the parties shall verify whether or not Plaintiff owes a pre-existing debt to the United States subject to offset, consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the EAJA award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel; and
3. The case remains terminated on the docket of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 31, 2022

s/Peter B. Silvain, Jr
Peter B. Silvain, Jr.
United States Magistrate Judge

¹ The Committee on Court Administration and Case Management of the Judicial Conference of the United States has recommended that, due to significant privacy concerns in social security cases, federal courts should refer to plaintiffs only by their first names and last initials. See also S.D. Ohio General Rule 22-01.